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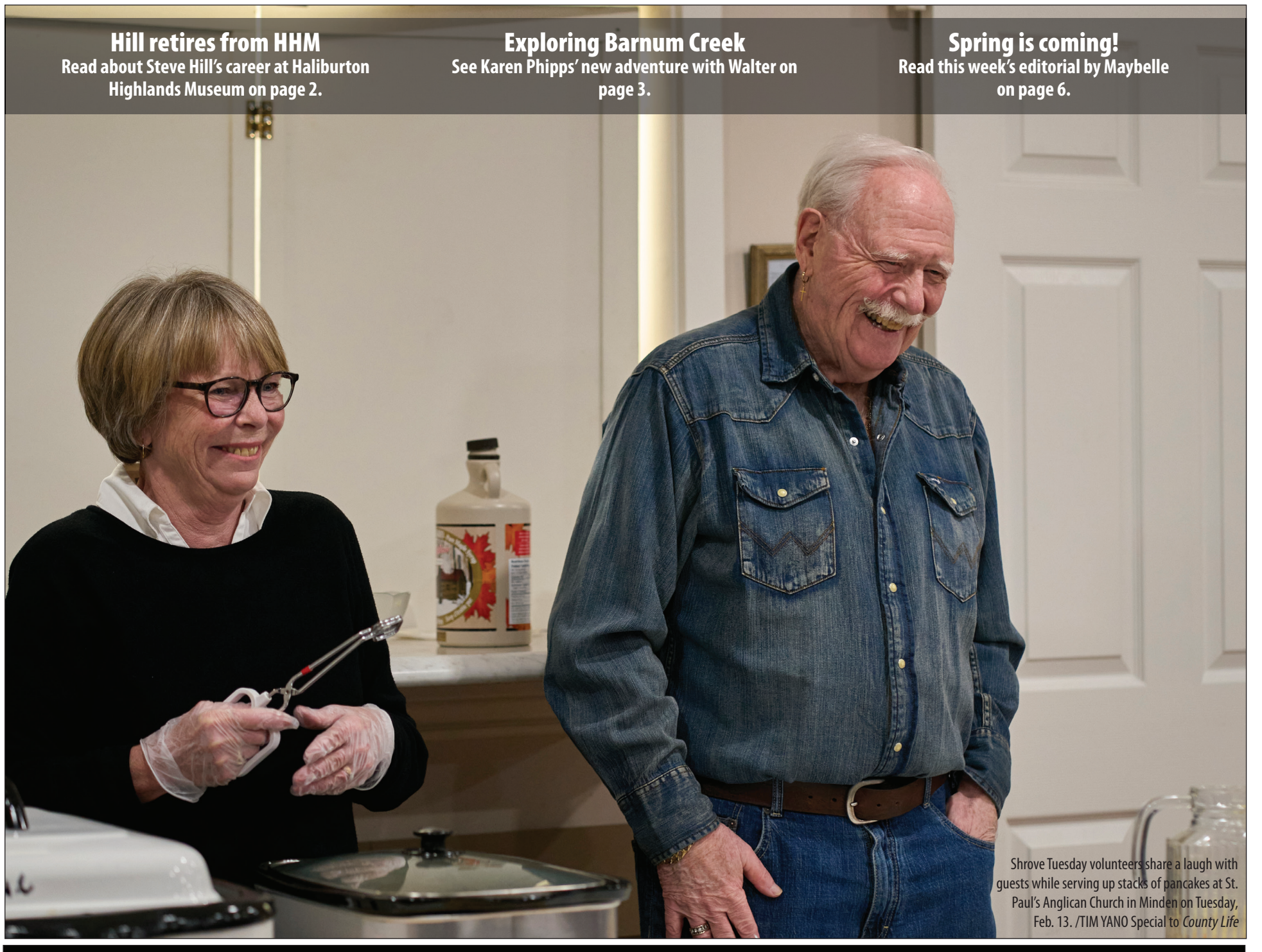

Shrove Tuesday volunteers share a laugh with guests while serving up stacks of pancakes at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden on Tuesday, Feb. 13. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

Hill bids farewell to Haliburton Highlands Museum

VIVIAN COLLINGS
County Life Editor

Retired Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Steve Hill stands in front of his "life's work." /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Steve Hill has preserved Haliburton County's history for nearly 40 years, but he's turning the last page of the career chapter of his life.

As of Saturday, Jan. 27, the beloved curator retired from Haliburton Highlands Museum after 39 years.

Going beyond tending to hundreds of artifacts, he's carefully taken care of our history through gaining profound knowledge of the people, places, and things that make up Haliburton County.

He's given back to generations by sharing what he knows with all visitors who have stepped foot on the museum grounds.

His respect and appreciation for those in the community runs deep.

"He's such an exemplary human being. I hope Haliburton knows what a treasure we have had in him and how lucky we've all been that he was willing to dedicate so much of his life to that museum, and how much we're all going to be a bit bereft without him," said Martha Perkins, former editor of the *Echo* who worked closely with Hill on many projects.

While standing in the cold air with Hill on one of his last working days, he looked back at the museum, and with a visible breath said, "My life's work."

"Make yourself at home, folks," he greets some museum guests as we walked up the stairs.

He'd been staying late every night during his last week of work to organize his office and files.

We sat down at the tables in the centre of the upstairs of the museum.

We were surrounded by displays of hundreds of artifacts, most of which Hill built and installed himself.

"I look at every town I've ever worked, every museum I've had connections with, and the museums are usually all about the rich and famous," He said. "At this one, I always wanted to honour the 'regular' people that worked hard everyday to make the town what it is.

"We learn from the past, we learn from our mistakes. Those are cliches, but they're true."

He griped his coffee mug as he told me about his own childhood.

Hill's love for the people of days long ago spans back to his first memories.

"When I was a kid in school learning about the pioneers, I reconized that they suffered in a lot of ways," he said. "I also lived on a street with no other kids, so I would hang around the older people and listen to their stories."

One of the most remarkable people in his life was his grandfather, a veteran of the First World War.

"I had so much respect for him. None of us knew the horrors he went through to give us the lives we have today."

His career began at a museum in his hometown of Barrie at age 16.

Hill moved to Haliburton in 1984 after completing post-secondary education in museum curation.

"I was hired by Ross Carver for the role of assistant curator at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. I came in November of '84 and never left," he said.

When Carver retired in 1987, Hill became full curator and Tom Ballantyne became full director.

Hill smiled after taking a sip of black coffee from his mug as he recounted working alongside Ballantyne.

"Tom used to say, 'I look after the big picture, you look after the details.' He was almost like a big brother to me," Hill said.

His selfless spirit shone through as he told the story about one of his favourite memories.

"If he was ever in the middle of a big project, I knew he was busy with constant interruptions. I'd help him finish the job whenever I could." Hill said. "One of the last projects Tom wanted to do before he retired was gut the old Reid House basement after a leak."

On a day when Ballantyne was particularly overwhelmed by the project, Hill took the dirty work into his own hands.

"I stayed out there until 2 a.m. to finish so Tom wouldn't have to worry about it anymore. It meant so much to him," He said.

Hill also wrote a history on the *Haliburton Echo*, which he told me about as he worked the old press that used to be used to print the paper.

"This is in my top three favourite artifacts," he said.

He also played a big part in the making of *Haliburton, a History in Pictures.*

We have Hill to thank for almost all of our Pics of the Past.

His dedication and hard work all stem from the desire to teach new generations what the ones of the past had gone through.

"When you did his tours, you could imagine him coming straight from the past. He embodied the past and what was good about it. He embodied the spirit of the people and how hardworking they were," Perkins said.

"We need to preserve history so that we have a yard stick to measure by so we don't repeat the bad things. I honestly feel that people of the past worked hard so that we can have the lives we do now," Hill explained.

He said, "I'm the old generation now. Museums have changed so much."

That doesn't mean he won't still dedicate his energy to what he loves most.

He's on the board for the local Newspaper Digitization Project, and says he intends to stay in Haliburton.

He said the people of the community have always had a strong sense of family, spirit, and work ethic. Not much has changed in those ways.

"It's a nice community with good people that welcomed me with open arms from the very beginning."

Hill shared his appreciation for Haliburton residents and visitors.

"Thank you all for having a Museum and allowing me the opportunity to endeavour to preserve and display your heritage. By and large, you are good, honest, hard-working people & deserve to be remembered," he said. Thank you for everything."

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Exploring Barnum Creek

WALTER (THE DOG), has forced me to create new criteria for my walking adventures. Some I feel a bit resentful of, and some probably just make good sense at my age. While I enjoy our adventures, they do come with a bit of angst. There was a time when my brain would relax and feel a certain ease and comfort being surrounded by trees, sky, and the natural world.

KAREN PHIPPS
Walter & Me

Trail walking was a way to feel restored and connected. While I still feel the tonic of the land, Walter introduces a new element; hounding. Everything is about sniffing, discovering crooks and crannies, and generally just being exuberant about life. It's never just a daydreamy stroll - now it has an edge of a task to be completed with "minimal damage to all parties" feel about it. His way of being has made me develop new criteria for my local adventures:

We now need:

1. Lots of space with minimal chances of running into other people/dogs - (Not because I don't like them, but Walter's lack of social skills can often make these encounters loud, embarrassing and test my strength and patience).
2. Few cliffs or dangerous rock cuts.
3. Wide paths that minimize leashes getting twisted.
4. Cell phone service, just in case.

Luckily, Haliburton County has an amazing number of natural spaces that meet this criteria. This week, Walter and I went to one of our favorite walking places: Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

We both love it there, as there is an incredibly diverse ecosystem and the wonderful folks at Haliburton Highlands Land Trust show such care and stewardship to the land that the trails are well marked and most are easy walking.

The Heritage Trail tells a story, with its ever changing topography that digs way back into the history of the settlement of Haliburton County and long before that when the First Nations were likely hunting, fishing and gathering on the land.

Barnum Creek offers gifts for every season, from the beautiful fleeting spring flowers that cascade across the forest floor, to the sparkling ice crystals that form along the water's edge, to the grassy hills where the toil and challenges of the pioneers can still be seen and even felt in the winds that blow. Check out more info on the Haliburton Highlands land trust website www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

After a completed hike together, just like when any task wraps up, there is a bit of euphoria; a serotonin rush and feelings of camaraderie that come from a shared experience. We didn't just survive the task, but each other!

There isn't a day that goes by where I don't string together multiple versions of curse words when living with Walter. Perhaps it's his pulling, the multiple demands for walks, treats, or attention. He makes his presence known, heard, and felt. Writing gives me a way of finding my way back to balance.

While he is not an easy guy to fold into the routines of my life, he demands I change mine to accommodate some of his needs. Sometimes I try to rationalize that this is a good thing; he is stretching my existence of being human. Sometimes I think it is just too much, we are not a good fit together. But he is a life that has twirled around a part of my heart.

The way he follows me from room to room. His need to be beside me while I embark on any little endeavour - from a trip to the shower to a full-blown hike. He is a constant presence in my life that I now recognize would feel empty if he wasn't a part of it.

Walter was a rescue. His start in life wasn't the easiest; a journey I think that could be relatable to both the human and the canine variety. But sometimes lives collide for a reason, and whether we're cursing one another's existence in the middle of the woods, or cuddled up by a fire in a state of forgiveness with one another, I (mostly) feel lucky that we found each other.

Now, onto the next adventure together.

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Writing on the Senior Side

Winter rigmarole

GAIL STELTER
Special to *County Life*

Oh, it may have been worse with four little kids, but I was younger then, and the rigmarole of getting everyone into snowsuits, winter boots, scarves, and mitts was just part of life. And, yes as soon as I got them all ready, there was usually one or more of them having to use the bathroom and me having to start all over. It was still just normal rigmarole.

What is rigmarole? Rigmarole is when you are trying to get in touch with a government office, your phone provider or some other large institution, and it takes several phone calls before you are finally transferred to the "right person" and the connection is lost. It's just too much rigmarole. Rigmarole is when you are travelling and the arrangements: the reservations, tickets, accommodations and itinerary are driving you crazy. Rigmarole is the fourteen steps it takes to log in or change a password.

Rigmarole is a word I learned from my dad. I thought it was rig-a-ma-role and that he made it up. Not too unusual really as he made up lots of words. I still wonder who "Fitzimobah" is and if he is real. I am thinking that I will bring Fitzimobah back into my life and make him help out. No more complaining to you or anyone in my family. I will just let Fitzimobah know I am not pleased.

Rigmarole is a real word that means a long, complicated, procedure or explanation that is silly or tedious or just a bother. We all have or come across instances of too much rigmarole in our lives and it doesn't go away in seniorhood where it often raises its head, especially in winter. Arthritis in my feet doesn't like winter boots. My sometimes awkward balance or vertigo doesn't like icy driveways and walkways. The wind in my face brings my seasonal asthma to life. Okay, I am complaining. Sorry. "Hey, Fitzimobah, winter is just too much rigmarole."

There are some exceptions. It's not too much rigmarole to use a hot tub; not too much rigmarole to watch grandkids' sports; not too much rigmarole to go out for dinner, and not too much rigmarole to get out of Dodge.

Today the sun is shining, and this week's mild temperatures, very mild for February, bring happy anticipation of a soon approaching spring. Realistically, winter will strike again. It's not quite the time to shed winter hats, mitts and scarves and go walking, like a teenager, with your coat wide open or no coat at all.

If you are a winter enthusiast, hiker, cross-country skier and more, you are fine with more winter. But for some seniors, winter brings sadness. I encourage you to not be sad. I encourage you to recognize that you may have SAD - Seasonal Affective Disorder. Living on the senior side means that SAD, like other forms of depression can go overlooked. Again, we can be branded with the stereotypic attributes of our seniorhood. Ageism can do us a disservice.

"You just don't think as clearly anymore."

"It's just a normal part of aging."

Advocate for your seniorhood and decide if you do have SAD. Here is a

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Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
Admission: Yearly membership of $59
A non-profit/commercial network of weight-loss support groups, offers programs for healthy living and weight management.

Creative Collaborations
When: Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church. 617 Mountain Street
Share your skills. Learn new skills. Bring your own project or work on the featured project. Beginners Welcome. Contact lynnhiggsthompson@haliburtonanglican.ca for details.

Seniors Chair Exercises
When: Thursdays, at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St.
Safe and gentle exercises for seniors to help with balance, strength and flexibility. Free to join.

Cribbage and Euchre
When: Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St.
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Where: Haliburton Legion
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Plant Pruning Presentation
When: Tuesday March 5, 1 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Center, 55 Parkside St. Minden
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HHOA Wild Game Dinner
When: March 23, bar opens 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
Tickets for the Wild Game Dinner will be available for purchase on February 15. $45.00 per person. To purchase tickets please call or visit Laurie at HHOA Tuesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. 705-457-9664 or call Linda at 705-457-2064. Silent auction and 50/50 draw. For more information visit www.hhoa.on.ca

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checklist of symptoms you may wish to consider. But, before you do, let's be real. We all have one or two or even a few of these some of the time. This does not mean we have SAD. Give weight to them in terms of how many, how often, and whether they consistently affect your quality of life.

- Feeling sad, hopeless, or guilty most of the time
- Loss of interest in once enjoyable hobbies
- Fatigue, brain fog or lack of energy
- Sleeping much more or less than usual
- Difficulty concentrating
- Restlessness or agitation
- Changes in weight or appetite

If you think you may have SAD you can contact a medical or mental health professional. But first, you may wish to consider some home remedies and actions you can take to help yourself.

> *Even though it may feel difficult to be social during the cold, dark, and gloomy weather, spending time with family and friends can make a big difference in your emotional state.*

One of the most common treatments for seasonal affective disorder is light therapy, which is the use of a light box to increase your body's exposure to light in the winter. The light box emits light that has a similar effect on your body as sunlight, so it can be a great way to regulate your circadian rhythm and control your levels of certain hormones and neurotransmitters that affect your mood and energy. So, I checked out light boxes in the marketplace and you can easily arrange to purchase one.

Lifestyle changes can help manage SAD, too. You can improve your overall sense of well-being and reduce your symptoms by taking active measures to protect your physical and mental health. For example, eating healthy and balanced meals can improve your energy levels, which may make the symptoms of SAD feel more manageable. Regular social interaction is also incredibly helpful for mental health. Even though it may feel difficult to be social during the cold, dark, and gloomy weather, spending time with family and friends can make a big difference in your emotional state. I think the key here is "regular" and to facilitate this being part of your routine. Perhaps you can consider group activities such as a seniors' exercise class, a card group, a knitting or other craft endeavour or perhaps volunteering and helping others.

One day when my little kids were yelling, crying and generally causing a fuss, my neighbour across the back fence raised her head. Her two boys were yelling, crying and generally causing a fuss. She looked at me and yelled, "This too will pass." We both started laughing. This little phrase has served me well over many years and in many situations. I share it now with all of you who may feel winter sad or just fed up. This too will pass. Of course, you might also give a shout-out to Fitzimobah.

"Hey, Fitzimobah, winter is just too much rigmarole."

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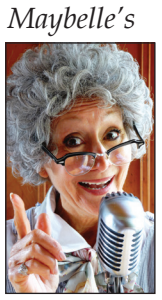
It's hoppining, don'tcha know

Maybelle's
Fireside stories



DEAR READER,
Why if we aren't hopping into Spring, don'tcha know. That's right. First, we start saving daylight on March 10, (still don't know where we're going to put all of it). Then, we hop into the first day of spring on March 19, and with all that good momentum, we do an even bigger hop over a chunky patch of twelve days, and land smack dab in Easter on March 31, don'tcha know. Now, I don't know about you, but to 'ol Maybelle, there's a lot hoppining!

I have to admit, I'm not a hoppy camper (okay, Maybelle, enough with the play on words already) when the sun won't shine. And it sure has played hide and seek a lot this winter in Lake WhaddayathinkImean. So much so that my good friends: Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yucch, Officer Stanley, Penelope McBottom, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes and Twindle Mumbly, and I are so pale, you'd be hard pressed to find us in the snow, don'tcha know. But, ah! when the sun does shimmy across our faces, and glistens like star dust on the fallen snow, my heart swells like a swollen melon and I whisper: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

So, now with Daylight Savings Time on the horizon, oh how 'ol Maybelle is giddy with joy just thinking about it. Brighter, longer, warmer days. Sun splashing across everything like a painter and their muse using every colour on the palette. Birds singing. Snow melting. Spring thaw making space for all that is fresh and new and wonder-full filling our days again.

And Easter.

Why, did you know that the Easter bunny is not only a much-beloved character that brings joy and easter eggs to kiddies each year? The furry hopper is also an historical symbol associated with the likes of spring renewal, fertility, good luck, and even abundance. And it doesn't stop there.

Our big-eared friend is also a German mythological figure who hatched and hid eggs for children and adults to find on Easter Sunday. And oh! how the kiddies love our annual Easter egg hunt here at Lake WhaddayathinkImean Park. Why, this year, Vilma Yucch is hosting the event as a tie-dyed bunny, don'tcha know, with over 500 eggs hidden in the playground for the wee ones to find and keep.

Yes, there is a silver lining after long grey days came our way. So, dust off your sunglasses, air out your cardigans, and have a hoppy time. (Oh! I did it again.)

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

Top 10 reasons why the low five never caught on

THERE WAS once a time when a person could choose to high five or low five. These days, the low five is no longer with us. Much to the dismay of those of us with shorter reach, it never caught on. Here are the top 10 reasons why.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Deemed cruel and unusual punishment for freakishly tall people.
2. The high five is a much better way to discretely determine who is not using deodorant.
3. If you miss with a high five you don't accidentally slap someone's butt.
4. Only really advantageous when you are celebrating in a crawl space.
5. Very difficult to do when you are navel deep in a swimming pool.
6. At least with high fives, everyone's hands are always where you can see them.
7. Too easily confused with slapping someone's hand for double-dipping.
8. High five had way better marketing campaign.
9. With the right music, jazz hands could break out.
10. Never clear if the person wanted a low five or a bribe.

Instructions for February

Open wide for slow flakes, melt those diamonds one-by-one
Ice-tongue electricity, another month begun
Whirl in devout circles, add your two-step to the sky
Both thumbs pointing upwards, never minding passersby

Moonwalk on the meadow, drop an angel where it's flat
Build comedic Frosty with your mittens for a hat
Aim a snowy fistful at the trunk of distant pine
Turn it into contest with the winner's pic online

Clear a pit for branches, light some flyers for a fire
Wait for wood to twist and snap and send sparks even higher
Boil down last year's syrup, drizzle onto frozen shelf
Snack on curling sugar, warmly cheering shiver-self

Let your puppy somersault, though fur will soak and pill
Laughter's more important, and the dog deserves a thrill
Nighttime is for stovetops prepping cozy stuff to eat
Steps away from bedtime since a duvet's just as sweet

And when heavy clouds shift overnight to far away
One of winter's mystic moons might fill your room like day
Hours nicely split to tidy groups of 24
Promising new cycles as we wait for many more

By Deborah J Reed

Wings

Wings of starlings, fluttering through Air,
like wandering Hearts, searching for Home, roaming from place to place,
leaving traces of their yearning behind, as they seek what they can't find,
my feet leading me to the riverbank, as my eyes wind their way upwards, past the rocks and pines, towards Sky,
startled by the beauty of the starlings' murmurations,
molding moving sculptures with their wings, changing shapes and size,
as they fly within their flock, together and alone, my Heart, quieting and singing, at the same time,
as the starlings' flight floods the spaces between beats with a light, clear as morning Sun, stroking Snow,
wondering which of the starlings is the leader of their flock, or whether they each follow the flap of their own wings,
the randomness of the pattern of their flight, forming a harmony within the flock,
as my eyes watch, and my Heart receives,
this unexpected gift that this morning offers me, on a morning when my legs feel heavy as lead,
a million thoughts, swirling, like snowflakes, through my head, as I plod through the Snow, towards the riverbank,
to kick at some pebbles and stones, though it's not their fault, that sometimes the cold slices straight through my Soul,
and it shivers like the sliver of unfrozen River, exposed to this frigid winter Air.
I stare up at the starlings' gyrations, without blinking an eye, trying to follow the flight of a single bird,
but soon it blends in with its flock, like the squiggle of a letter on a page of words,
and I wonder where the starlings fly to rest, when they're not painting this patch of Sky with their wings,
the gift of their presence, fleeting, as they murmur their way, away from the River, towards a different swath of Sky,
flying together and alone, within their flock, like a Heart and Soul, making the other, whole.
I bend down to pluck a pebble from the riverbank, clutching the stone Heart in my hand, that's frozen as my own,
as I warm it with my Breath, feeling the wings of a lone starling, fluttering in my chest,
the rest of its flock, flapping through Air, their flurry of feathers, forming a funnel,
or maybe a giant nest,
Wind cradling their wings, that carry them Home.

By Sylvie Kalenda

ACM makes moves

Dear Valued Members of the ACM Community,

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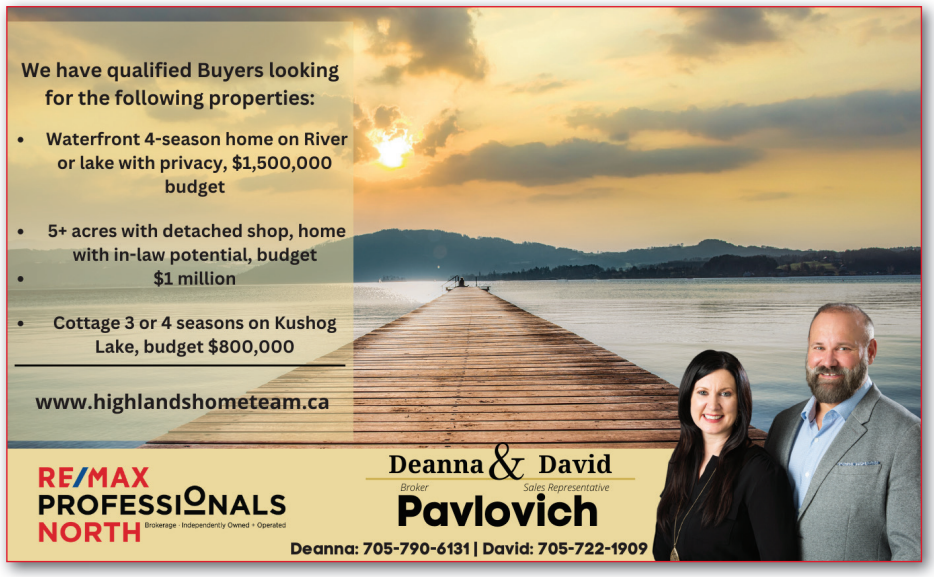
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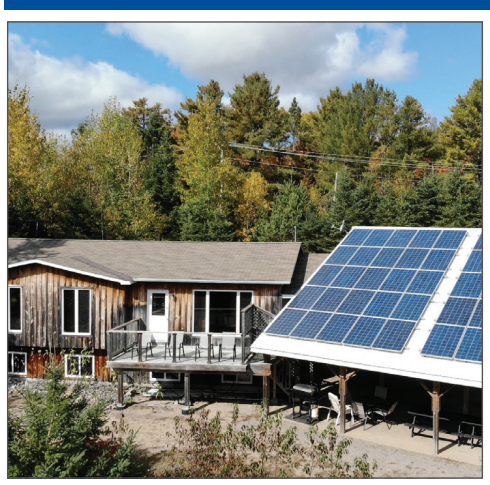

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Razzamataz showcased the Merry Marching Band on Sunday, Feb. 11. The band also hosted a workshop the day before at Haliburton School of Art + Design for an introduction to their instruments. /TIM YANO Special to the *County Life*

Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email vivian@ haliburtonpress.com. Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

A Blue Jay rests in a Pine tree branch. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

Two curious young White-tailed deer. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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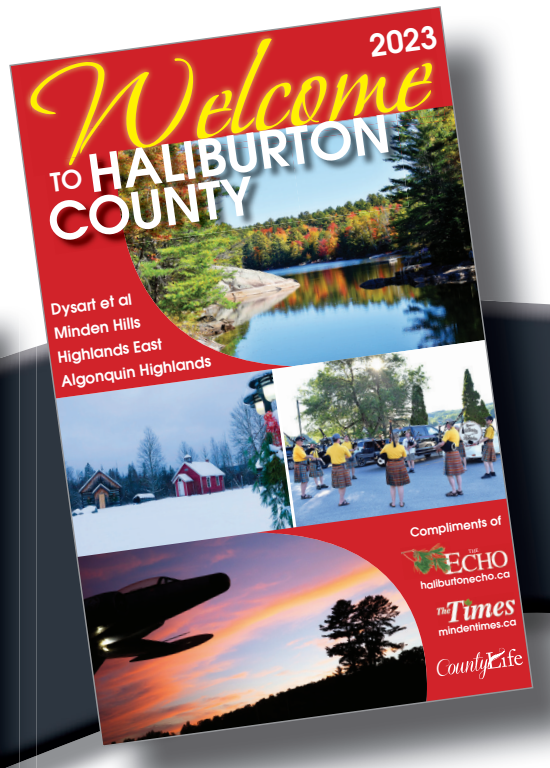

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Community Centre expansion gets boost from government

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

The expansion of the Minden Community Centre can begin now that the province has kicked in $143,000.

In Lindsay last Wednesday, tourism and recreation ministry spokesman Dan Waters announced the grant as part of a $744,577 windfall to 16 projects in Victoria and Haliburton counties.

Minden councillor Lewis Stevens said the provincial money will be added to the Rotary Club's $100,000 donation and the township's share to meet the costs of the expansion.

The township is planning to build an addition to the community centre which will the increase the number of people the facility can accommodate. The expansion will cost about $300,000 and Stevens said the township will raise money to cover the cost of additional work and added features.

"Everything's in place," said Stevens. "I don't see any reason why we can't get the work underway by May."

The expansion of the community centre is only part of the township's plans for the building. They also hope to expand the arena portion of the facility and build new dressing rooms.

Although the provincial funding applies only to the community centre and no money was allocated to the arena, Stevens said the arena expansion plans aren't dead.

"We'll get the community centre out of the way first," he said. "We'll take things as they come."

The Recreation Committee will be setting up an ad hoc building committee and an ad hoc fund raising committee to oversee the work on the community centre said Stevens.

County votes to defer property reassessment

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

County council has voted to defer immediate implementation of market value reassessment, but made it clear that delaying the proposal does not mean it will be abandoned.

"When you see the reaction, it's clear we have to do something to explain this thing," Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe said in support of the resolution to defer. "It scares everybody."

Warden Carol Puffer said the county will begin a public information campaign during the summer to discuss the proposed reassessment with residents and inform them about the resulting changes.

Sherborne Reeve Don Shortreed said while it's important to defer the reassessment in order to allow for more public discussion, he reminded council of the inequalities in the present property tax system.

"There are people out there paying the wrong

(more on page 3)

Lutterworth pitches in to help townhouse project

by Susan Grober

The project for a 22-unit townhouse in Minden Village has overcome another hurdle.

Sponsored by the Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation, the townhouses are to be built on a parcel of property owned by Mabel Brannigan and located just off Prince Street ar Highway 35.

Staanworth representatives Elizabeth Wright and Bob Beeney approached Lutterworth Council at its meeting Thursday night, and asked the township to help expediate the matter.

"We were hoping to get people in there by this fall," said Wright.

Because municipalities are exempt from the severance application process, the corporation wants to save time and avoid this process by conveying property to the townships of Lutterworth and Stanhope.

"Lutterworth would hold the property until the road is brought up to standard," said Wright. Then the property will be conveyed back to Staanworth.

All of council agreed to the request, and a resolution was passed.

"I think anything is great to help get her rolling," said Councillor Bill Valentine.

Beeney said the $2.5 million project will create fully self-contained units, each with four appliances and a garage. The plan is for 20 non-profit townhouses, with two houses for handicapped individuals.

Wright said the townhouses won't necessarily be for senior citizens. "Rent will be geared to income," she said. "It's based strictly on need."

The project is the result of the 1988 family housing survey conducted by the Haliburton County Social Action Committee, which indicated a need for low-cost accommodation in the area.

Staanworth will work together with the social action committee on tenant selection, and the buildings will be owned and maintained by Staanworth.

The Ministry of Housing has already approved the 20 housing units. If the project can be built for less than ministry-approved costs, then Staanworth will request approval of two additional units.

Canadian Forum

In this week's column, history teacher Frank Wallace talks about the inconsistency with which English Canada has dealt with Quebec. He says Quebec's demands, as spelled out in the Meech Lake Accord, should be accepted.

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Success on ice

For the seventh time in the last 10 years, Minden skaters have captured the Club Trophy at the Kawarth Highlands Inter-club competition as 26 local skaters took to the ice in Lakefield.

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Not fit to be tied

Lutterworth council has decided it doesn't want to display one of the plywood yellow ribbons being distributed by the Minden Legion as a way to honour Canadian Forces in the Gulf war.

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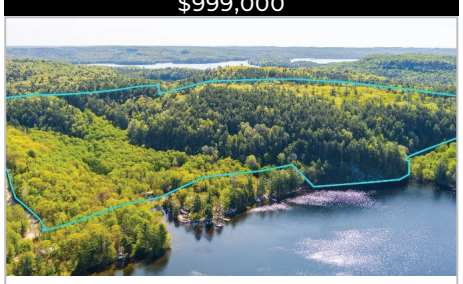

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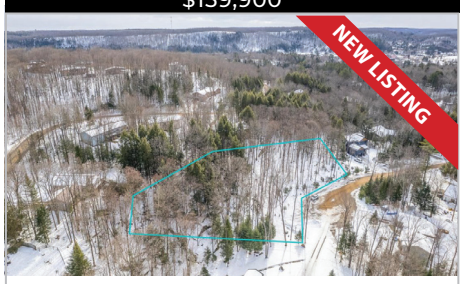

GREAT LOCAITION | MUNICIPAL ROAD | 1.47 ACRES

MLS# 40538935

VICTORIA STREET
$425,000

MLS# 40530312

SALERNO LAKE ROAD
$449,500

MLS# 40487128

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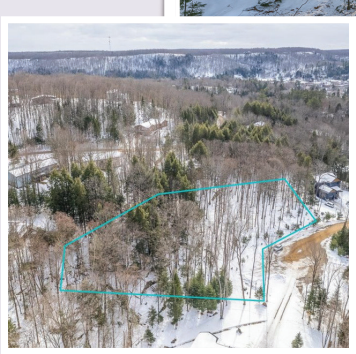
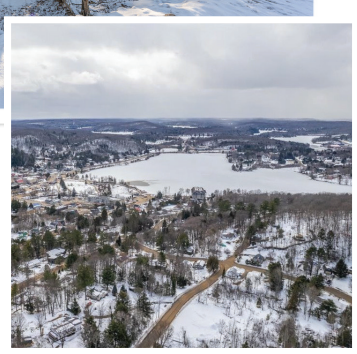
FEATURED LISTING

0 Lakeview Street

- End of a quiet cul-de-sac
- 2 points of access to underground hydro
- Well-lit Municipal road
- Walking distance to town





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